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Montreal

With global recognition as a UNESCO City of Design, Montreal’s eclectic mix of culture is proving to be a winner.

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ALL IN THE GENES

Bruno Braën has been designing bars and restaurants in Montreal for a decade as a part of dynamic duo Braun-Braën. Restaurant DNA began the revival of the old town and received awards including the top prize in the Créativité Montréal design contest. Glass panels fragment the dining room into a hall of mirrors where every diner’s reflection is represented a hundred times, giving a dreamy midnight feel any time of day. Visit dnarestaurant.com, cabinetbb.com.

RETO CHIC

Museum-quality furniture and cutting-edge technology fills every modernist nook and cranny of the Gault Hotel. A converted textiles warehouse, it was created by architecture firm YH2 for software wunderkind Daniel Langlois. Contemporary furniture classics include Bertoia and Eames chairs and the 30 loft suites are equipped with the latest electronics including 3D televisions. Visit hotelgault.com.

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LITTLE BOXES
Designed for Expo 67 by architect Moshe Safdie, this radical public housing design has become one of Montreal’s most sought after addresses and one of the few successful modernist utopias. Resembling a stack of children’s building blocks, it has no common walls as all apartments are whisper quiet and private. With its suspended balconies, walkways, courtyards and skylights, it feels more like a Picasso landscape than housing designed for the down pan heat. Visit habitat67.com.

Old becomes new
Inspired by sculptors as much as designers, Jason Scott Conway’s furniture breathes new life into old materials. The Door chair, created from an old wooden door, calls to mind a whimsical interpretation of Gerrit Reitveld’s Zig-Zag chair. Visit nookdesign.ca.

WINTER WARMERS
Montreal winters can be brutal. It’s enough to drive locals indoors to roam among the many kilometres of tunnels connecting apartments, cinemas and subway stations, plus, of course, shopping malls. With a vigorous public art scene and so much time spent underground, it’s no surprise that the alternative underground city has become one long public sculpture gallery. Lipstick Forest, created by Claude Cormier, is just one example. The 52 concrete tree trunks in the Palais des congrès are painted lipstick pink and pay homage to the city’s most unlikely industry: cosmetics. It has also become an enduring symbol of the surreal modernity that beckons pedestrians deep beneath the earth. Visit claudecormier.com/project/lipstick-forest.

MOVEABLE FEAST
Montrealers love food and nothing has changed the way food is distributed and consumed more than fast food and shipping containers. Grapes from Chile, lamb from New Zealand and Alaskan salmon clock up more travel than the most fleet-of-foot frequent flyer. It’s highly appropriate then that the two have been combined in a pop-up restaurant designed by local firm Sid Lee Architecture. Muovbox repurposes the shipping container, turning it into an easily transportable solar-powered restaurant serving up local specialties, such as lobster rolls and poutine (a heart-attack-inducing dish of chips smothered in gravy and cheese curds). Visit sidleearchitecture.com.

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